

CHILDS FAMILY PAPERS

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Biographical notes taken from Sheldon's *History of Deerfield* and *Vital Records of Deerfield, Mass.*

Samuel Childs³, son of Richard, born 1679, died Mar 28, 1756. Came to Deerfield, Mass., where he was a blacksmith. Became prominent in town and church affairs and served as deacon. Married Hannah Barnard in 1709; married Experience ----- in 1729; married Sarah Mattoon in 1750. Altogether had 8 children, 2 of whom (Samuel and Asa) are represented below.

His papers consist of several deeds.

Timothy Childs⁴, son of Richard. Born 1686, died Feb 26, 1776. Lived on Lot 15 [the Champney house]. He was a scout in Queen's War, a Lieutenant in Father Rasle's War, and later a Capt. of militia in Deerfield. Received 300 acres of land for his war losses. Owned land in Shelburne, Mass., and Peskeompskut, now Turners Falls. Married Hannah Chapin in 1719; they had 2 children, one of whom is represented below.

His papers consist of promissory notes, writs and one deed.

Samuel Childs⁵, son of Samuel³. Born 1712, died Jan 15, 1786. He lived on Lot 24, where he was a tailor, a deacon, and a Lieutenant in command of Fort Pelham, 1747-48. Married Sarah Wright in 1739; they had 6 children, 2 of whom are represented below.

His papers consist of several deeds, an indenture, and legal documents, one re: estate division.

Timothy Childs¹⁰, son of Timothy⁴. Born 1720, died Dec 12, 1781. Settled in Montague where he became a surveyor. Served as a Captain in the French and Indian War and a Captain in the Revolutionary War, serving from 1776-1780. Married Mary Wells in 1744; they had 7 children.

His papers consist of 2 surveys (Box 2, fol. 1)

Amzi Childs¹¹, son of Samuel⁵. Born 1740, died Nov 2, 1817. Lived in the Wapping section of Deerfield. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War. Married Submit Wright in 1767; they had 14 children, 2 of whom are represented below.

Simeon Childs, son of Amzi¹¹. Born June 9, 1772, died January 24, 1834 at 61 years of age. Married Hannah Paine in 1805. The line is not followed in Sheldon's *History of Deerfield*.

His papers consist of receipts, appraisal and an inventory. Hannah's papers consist of a will, an account, a petition, agreements, receipts, bills, and an auction sale.

Amzi Childs¹¹, son of Amzi¹¹. Born Oct 1, 1772, died Feb 10, 1842 in Princeton, Mass.. Married Rhoda Snow of Goshen in 1804. The line is not followed in Sheldon's *History of Deerfield*.

His papers consist of 4 deeds.

Samuel Childs¹², son of Samuel⁵. Born 1745, died Oct 27, 1808. Lived on the "Old Ware lot" at south end of The Street. He was known as "Brigadier Childs." Married Mary Nims in 1720; they had 11 children, one of whom is represented below.

His papers consist of 4 deeds, an inventory of his estate, and a document authorizing William Barnard to sell land in Canada.

Asa Childs¹³, son of Asa⁶. Born 1738, died Jan 22, 1832. Removed to Shelburne. Married Elizabeth Hawks in 1768; took an unknown woman for his second wife; his third wife was Mercy Childs, whom he married in 1778. From these three unions, 6 children were born.

His papers consist of one writ and 2 deeds.

Samuel Childs¹⁵, son of Asa⁶. Born 1742, died Mar 1, 1814. Settled at Wapping where he was a weaver by trade and known as "Jimmy Shuttle." Married Eunice Wright in 1768; they had 12 children, four of whom are represented below.

His papers consist of many deeds and receipts, several writs, one judgment, his will, and a photocopy of an embroidery sampler of his family tree in the DAR museum.

Israel Childs²⁸, son of Samuel¹². Born 1779, died May 5, 1821. Sold the Old Ware lot and removed to Shelburne. He was a deacon and a schoolmaster. Married Sidney Hawks in 1805; they had 8 children.

His papers consist of 11 complaints against young men he accused of stealing watermelons, 3 deeds, and 1 guardian appointment.

Noah Childs³⁰, son of Samuel¹⁵. Born 1769, died Oct 4, 1825. Removed to New York after 1804. He served in the army at Buffalo as sergeant. Married Mary Graves in 1791; they had 11 children.

His papers consist of writs, promissory notes, receipts and a judgment.

Asa Childs³¹, son of Samuel¹⁵, born in 1771; married Polly Grandy of Deerfield in 1798. The couple had relocated to Colrain, Mass., by 1820.

His papers include five receipts, dated 1822, relating to the settlement of his estate.

Samuel Childs³², son of Samuel¹⁵. Born 1784, died Nov 3, 1867. Lived in Wapping where he farmed and was known as "Lawyer Childs." Married Electa Gates in 1813; they had 3 children.

His papers consist of many deeds, bills, orders, and a receipt and writ.

Cephas Childs³³, son of Samuel¹⁵. Born 1787, died Apr 14, 1831. Settled at the Meadow Mills and was a blacksmith. Married Eleanor Roots in 1809; they had 6 children, one of whom is represented below.

His papers consist of 2 promissory notes and 2 writs.

Jonathan Root Childs, son of Cephas³³. Born May 10, 1822, died Mar 2, 1857. Lived most his life in Chicopee where he was a clerk, paymaster, editor and prominent in political, military and church affairs. Married Frances Stearns in 1846.

His papers consist of a criminal docket 1853-54 with a diary and a clipping of his death notice.

David W. Childs³⁹, son of David W.²³. Born 1809, died May 16, 1879. Lived at Wapping and was a farmer and insurance agent. Late in life he moved to Braintree. Married Jane Childs in 1832; later married Clarissa Hayward of Braintree. These unions produced 4 children.

His papers consist mainly of deeds, and 1 letter, 1 lease, and 2 promissory notes.

Henry S. (Seymour) Childs, son of David W.³⁹ Born Sept 4, 1844. Married Lucy Grout in 1865.

His papers consist of insurance documents and a poem.

George H. Childs, son of James and Marronett Childs, was born in March 1845 and died in 1914. He served in the 1st Regiment of Massachusetts Heavy Artillery during the Civil War. Married Mary J. Smith in 1885.

His papers consist of a hand-written lecture delivered to "Gentlemen of the Club" on his military service, and a second ms. description of his service.

Dexter Childs⁴⁵, son of Henry²⁵. Born 1822. Settled in Wapping where he was a farmer and Selectman for many years. Married Elizabeth Briggs in 1860.

His papers consist of a deed and a marriage certificate mounted in a book about marriage.

James A. Childs, son of Allen P. and Lura Childs, was born in Deerfield in July 1913, and killed in Holland in Sept. 1944 during the Normand invasion. Childs served as a paratrooper and was part of Operation Market Garden.

His papers included several letters to his mother while in the army, a copy of his will, and War Dept. documents relating to his death and internment.

Miscellaneous: Childs family members who have 1 or 2 documents: **Alice** (note); **Alfred H.** (lease); **Alvin** (b. 1789, 2 receipts); **Caroline** (deed); **Ebenezer** (receipt); **Eliphaz?** (receipt); **Erastus** (2 deeds); **Herrick, David W. & Eunice** (deed); **Israel, Sophia, & Clarissa** (bond); **Josiah** (2 receipts); **Lebeus** (promissory note, writ); **Lemuel** (will); **Mary** (deed); **Rebekka** (receipt); **Rhoda** (writ); **Robert** (deed); **Samuel, David, & Dexter** (deed)

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: Samuel Childs³, deeds (1728-1741)- 3 items
Folder 2: Timothy Childs⁴, legal documents (1741-1768) – 3 items
Folder 3: Samuel Childs⁵, legal documents (1741-1794)- 13 items
Folder 4: Amzi Childs¹¹, legal documents (1767-1826)- 26 items
Folder 5: Simeon Childs^{11a}, son of Amzi¹¹, writ and legal documents re: estate (1800-1834)- 5 items : Hannah Childs, wife of Simeon, legal documents re: estate (1834-1845)- 28 items
Folder 6: Amzi Childs^{11b}, son of Amzi¹¹, deeds (1789-1840)- 4 items
Folder 7: Samuel Childs¹², deeds, probate inventory, etc. (1770-1809)- 6 items
Folder 8: Asa Childs¹³, legal documents (1798-1801)- 3 items
Folder 9: Samuel Childs¹⁵, legal documents (1774-1823)- 24 items
Folder 10: Israel Childs²⁸, legal documents mainly re: complaints (1801-1811) 15 items
Folder 11: Noah Childs³⁰, legal documents (1792-1802)- 14 items
Folder 12: Asa Childs³¹, receipts relating to the settlement of his estate (1822) - 5 items
Folder 13: Samuel Childs³², legal documents (1815-1846)- 21 items
Folder 14: Cephas Childs³³, legal documents (1820-1824)- 4 items
Folder 15: David W. Childs³⁹, legal documents (1833-1879)- 24 items

Box 2

Folder 1: Surveys-(n.d) [2 belonging to Timothy¹⁰]- 4 items
Folder 2: Eunice Childs, daughter of David W.²³, poem-(n.d). 1 item
Folder 3: Jonathan R. Childs, son of Cephas³³, criminal docket & diary; clipping, 1853-67-2 items
Folder 4: Henry S. Childs, son of David W.³⁹ – Insurance papers & poem- (1862-1877)-18 items
Folder 5: Dexter Childs⁴⁵, deed and marriage book w/ marriage certificate (1860)- 2 items
Folder 5a: James H. Childs, Civil War writings - 2 items
Folder 6: Miscellaneous Childs documents (1766-1907)-23 items
Folder 6a: James A. Childs, letters and documents (1942-1949) - 16 items
Folder 7: Letters to George Sheldon re: Childs family(1877-1901) -67 items
Folder 8: Miscellaneous correspondence (1969-1986)- 11 items
Folder 9: Childs genealogy and chart 1966, 1987-2 items; charts and newspaper clippings (1955-1985)- 8 items
Folder 10: Correspondence re: Townsend Society/The Society of Cincinnati (1960-1966)- 20 items